



## Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Cross-Country Ski Report

**Report Date: February 5, 2016**

**General Information:** The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest charges a recreation user fee at many of its recreation areas, denoted below with an \*. The day use fee at many of the trailheads is \$5.00 and may be obtained at the trailhead using a self-registration envelope. You can also purchase a Forest Service annual pass at many local vendors, Forest Service offices, or online at <http://go.usa.gov/FgwC>. The Forest Service annual pass is \$20/vehicle sticker and a second sticker for an additional \$10. The passes are valid from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. If you have an Interagency Annual, Senior, Access or Volunteer Pass, there is no charge to use these day-use sites.

### Eagle River – Florence Ranger District

#### **\*Anvil National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: Good condition with 6-8" base.

Packed/Groomed: Trails groomed and tracked – 2/4/16

Rating: Good

Comments: Good skiing conditions

#### **\*Lauterman National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: 6-7" of snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed 2/5/16

Rating: Good

Comments:

#### **Nicolet North Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-479-2827 or 715-528-4464

Snow Conditions: Good condition, 6-8 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed 2/4/16

Rating: Good

Comments:

#### **Phelps Ski/Hiking Trail:**

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Afterglow Resort.



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## Great Divide Ranger District

\***Rock Lake Trail:** 2, 4, 7, 11.5, 16 km loops, Classic only; 8 mi. E. of Cable on Hwy M.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 10+" of new snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: 02/03/2016

Rating: Very Good

Comments: Trail is shaping up nicely. Packed and groomed with a set of fresh tracks. Enjoy!

\***Mukwonago Trail:** 2.3, 4.4, 7.5, 13.6 km loops, Classic/Skating; 18 mi. E. of Hayward on 77

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 5-6 inches of new snow.

Packed/Groomed/track set: 02/04/2016

Rating: Very Good

Comments: 4 passes with the snowmobile and groomer and cold temps last night should really help with trail set up.

**Namekagon Trail:** 1.7, 2.4, 3.4 km loops, Classic; 10 mi. S. of Grand View off Hwy D.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions:

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating:

Comments:

\***Penokee Mountain Trail:** 3.2, 5.1, 8.6 km loops, Classic; 3 mi. W. of Mellen on Hwy GG or also located 20 minutes North of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Snow Conditions: 12" of new snow

Packed/Groomed/track set: Packed on 02/04/2016

Rating: Very Good

Comments: A lot of snow on the Penokee trail! 4 passes with the snowmobile and groomer with cold temps at night should get the trail to set up nicely.

**West Torch Trail:** 1, 2.2, 5, 8 km loops; 2 mi. S. of Clam Lake on Hwy GG.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-634-4821 or 715-264-2511

Will not be maintained or groomed this season. Expect a backcountry experience—fat skis or snowshoes are recommended.

## Lakewood – Laona Ranger District

**Ed's Lake National Recreation Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: 5 inch packed base, received 3 inches of new snow this week.

Rating: Good

Comments: Trail last groomed on 02/05/2016



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**Jones Spring Area Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: Trail is groomed and tracked.

Rating: Good

Comments: Trail was last groomed 02/05/2016.

**McComb Nordic Ski Trails:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481

Snow Conditions: Trail is groomed and tracked.

Rating:

Comments: Trail was last groomed 02/05/2016.

**Maranatha Ski Trail:**

Trail groomed under Special Use Permit by Silver Birch Resort.

**Lakewood Cross-Country Ski Trail:**

Trail groomed under Special use permit by Lakewood Ski Trail, call the Lakewood XC Ski Trail Hot Line: (715) 276-1754 for the latest updates.

**Medford – Park Falls Ranger District**

**Wintergreen Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Great

Packed/Groomed/track set: Groomed and Tracked 2-5-16

Rating: Great to Excelent.

Comments: 2-5-16 – Loops A, B, C, D, Shortcut and Kiddie groomed and tracked. We received 6” of new snow in the past week and the trails are really looking great! The wetland portion on C is filling in pretty well, just make sure to stay on the groomed section. I did two passes on Kiddie, three on A and Shortcut, and four passes on B, C and D. The base on the trails is 6-7” and about 15” in the woods. Weather is predicted to be great this weekend so get out and enjoy your forest! In honor of President’s Day fees will be waived on the ski trails on Monday, February 15. Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.

**Newman Springs Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Good to Excellent

Packed/Groomed/track set: A, C, D, E groomed and tracked, B machine packed

Rating: Good to Excellent

Comments: 2-4-16 – Loops A, C, D and E groomed. Loop B machine packed. With the 6” of new snow that we got the trails are starting to look great! The wetland crossings on C and D are still a little rough, but are starting to shape up nicely. I did anywhere from two to seven passes on each section of



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trail to help pack down the new snow and groom everything nice and smooth. I did however get stuck going up one hill on Loop E, but it groomed out OK and shouldn't be an issue. Base on the trails is 6-7" and about 15" in the woods. With the nice weather in the forecast for the weekend there's no excuse to not get out and enjoy your forest! Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.

### **Round Lake Recreation Area:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-762-2461 or 715-748-4875

Snow Conditions: Good

Packed/Groomed/track set:

Rating: Good

Comments: We received 6" of snow this past week (2-1-16) and the trails are looking great. The interpretative trail and Trail C on the west side of Round Lake have been getting decent use from snowshowers and tend to be packed down fairly well.

Questions or comments on the trails can be sent to Brady Howe at 715-762-5104 or bjhowe@fs.fed.us.

### **Perkinstown XC Trail:**

Trail groomed through agreement with Taylor County. Check out [Perkinstown Winter Sports Area on Facebook](#) for current trail conditions.

## **Washburn Ranger District**

### **Valhalla Recreation Area– Teuton Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: 12 to 14 inch base.

Packed/Groomed/track set: Rolled on 2/3/16 and tracks set on 2/4/2016.

Rating: Very good to excellent

Comments: Tuesday's snow storm left around 6 to 8 inches of new snow. The groomer rolled both trail systems on Wednesday. The groomer returned to set tracks on Thursday and is reporting the trails in very good to excellent condition. Please check the fee station for the groomers trail condition report for the most up to date conditions.

The Forest Service is trying some temporary changes in the main parking area for this season. We have added a 4 to 5 car plowed parking area near the warming room and removed the row signs in the parking lot. An official notice with comment cards will be placed at the fee stations; warming room; and chalet to collect comments from the public.

For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.

### **Valhalla Recreation Area – Valkyrie Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: 12 to 14 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Rolled on 2/3/16 and tracks set on 2/4/2016.

Rating: Very good to excellent



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Comments: The groomer rolled the trails and reset the tracks on Thursday. The groomer is reporting the trails in very good to excellent condition. Please check the fee station for the groomers trail condition report for the most up to date conditions. For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.

**Drummond X-Country Trail:**

Contact: U.S. Forest Service - 715-373-2667

Snow Conditions: Estimated 12 inch base

Packed/Groomed/track set: Rolled on 2/3/2016 and tracked on 2/4/2016

Rating: Very good to excellent

Comments: The Drummond Area Ski Trail Association is reporting an additional 6 to 8 inches fell on the trails during Tuesday's snow storm. The trails were rolled on Wednesday. The snow was very light and dry and hard to compact. The groomer is reporting that the tracks are not very firm due to the low moisture content in the snow. The tracks look good and should be excellent with the mild weather conditions. For more trail information call (715) 373-2667 and dial 1 for the trail report.



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